



STILL FIRM FOR LEADER

Supporters of Davey Rally Under Standard.

EXPRESS CONFIDENCE

Sign Statement That They Will Uphold Him to the Last In His Race.

IS STRONG FOR SPEAKERSHIP

Action of Seventeen Members of State Legislature is the Answer to Rumors Which Have Assailed the Character of Davey.

PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—(Special to Astorian.)—This evening at the Imperial Hotel a meeting was held of legislators friendly to Frank Davey for the Speakership, men who came to the city on account of the rumors of the past two days. After looking over the situation they determined to send out to the press of the state the following declaration, with which Mr. Davey has expressed satisfaction:

"We, the undersigned members of the House, assembled in Portland Jan. 8, 1907, declare our faith in Mr. Davey and our steadfast purpose of supporting him for the Speakership to the last."

(Signed) J. C. Hayer, Elmer T. Connel, Jno. B. Coffey, D. C. Burns, John Driscoll, A. G. Beals, L. H. Adams, L. T. Reynolds, C. G. Huntley, Geo. F. Rodgers, J. D. Simmons, J. H. Settlemier, B. A. Washburne, Allen H. Eaton, John W. Bones, F. A. Crawford, W. K. Newell, C. A. Barnett of Umatilla county arrived in the city later in the evening and stated there was no change nor disposition to change among their delegation who have heretofore declared for Mr. Davey.

HAS TERMINAL GROUND.

Western Pacific Purchases Land in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—Local representatives of Western Pacific announced today that the company had now received all the land necessary for freight yards and a freight distributing terminal in San Francisco. The company has acquired between 140 and 150 acres of land in the district between the mouth of Islais Creek and Eighth and Bryant streets. Along the Islais Creek will be the ferry slips and the piers for the Western Pacific transfer freight ferries and for the leading of trans-Pacific and Coastwise steamers doing business in conjunction with this new trans-continental railway system. Yesterday the Western Pacific placed an order in the East for 16 large locomotives. That is the first equipment thus far ordered in the way of rolling stock.

SEIZE COAL.

Citizens Without Fuel Stop Train and Then Help Themselves.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 8.—A train loaded with coal was raided at the station here today by citizens without fuel and almost twenty cars were carried off. An attempt was made to hold up the train north of the city. The engineer started to pull out of town, when the levers holding the false bottoms were pulled out and the coal let down on the tracks. This blocked the road and it was several hours before it was clear. More than

fifteen hundred people got coal during the raid. Hundreds had been without fuel for days with zero weather prevailing. A telegram was sent to Vice President Levy at Tacoma by the mayor, sheriff and chief of police, but was not answered until after the citizens had taken the matter in their own hands.

WOULD WED YOUNG.
Fifteen Year Old Girl Elopes With Young Man of Pittsburgh.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Jan. 8.—Miss Daisy Scott, sister of Mrs. Mary Scott Hartje, and Howard Lappee of Pittsburgh, arrived here yesterday and applied to the Probate Court for a marriage license. The local police had been previously notified by Miss Scott's father that she was only 15 years of age. Scott arrived here this afternoon and will return tonight to Pittsburgh and will be accompanied by his daughter and the young man. Miss Scott was one of the first witnesses examined in the court to testify in her sister's suit for divorce.

BAILEY AND STANDARD.

Texas Legislature Would Investigate Alleged Connection Between Them.

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 8.—The thirtieth session of the legislature opened today. Organization will soon be completed. As soon as organized it is understood the legislature will try to secure an investigation of the alleged connection of Senator Bailey with the oil interests. Bailey has questioned the authenticity of documents which Attorney General Davidson holds and which are said to connect Bailey with the suit to oust the Waters-Pierce Company from Texas. As a consequence, the attorney general has demanded an investigation into their genuineness.

SLEUTHS LEAVE TASK

Confident that Doctor Johnson Was Author of His Own End.

DESPITE CORONER'S VERDICT

Mystery Surrounding Affair Is Only Deepened by the Latest Action of the Detectives—Relatives Act Strangely.

PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—Despite the verdict of the coroner's jury that Dr. Philip Edwards Johnson of New York came to his death on Ford street bridge last night at the hands of thugs bent on robbery, the police are so certain that Johnson came to his death as a result of his own act, that detectives who have been constantly at work on the case for the past twenty-four hours have ceased the work on the mystery, and Captain of Detectives Bruhn, who had the case in his personal charge, is spending the evening at the theater.

From almost the moment that Dr. Johnson's body was found there has been a lurking suspicion among the police officials that some deep mystery was at the bottom of the death of Johnson. What grounds they had for entertaining such suspicion they decline to divulge. Their sudden dropping of the case tonight has added weight in the minds of many that Johnson took his own life.

A peculiar circumstance in this connection was the visits paid to the newspapers by intimate friends of the dead man, who pleaded that all reference pointing to suicide be eliminated from the reports of the tragedy.

GUARDS DANGEROUS COAST.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 8.—The government's steamer Quadra left today to cruise the Vancouver Island coast for a month for the protection of life and property in the event of shipwreck.

WOULD KILL OFFICERS

Plot to Slay Entire Corps at Fort Reno.

IS NEGRO CONSPIRACY

All Officers Now Go Armed and Prepared for Sudden Emergencies.

DISCOVERED BY AN ACCIDENT

Captain Macklin, Whose Assailant Is Being Tried, Was Only the First of Those Listed for Terrible Butchery.

EL RENO, Jan. 8.—It is the belief of the army officers at Fort Reno that a conspiracy to murder every white officer at Fort Reno, beginning with Captain Macklin, against whom nearly every soldier at Fort Reno entertains a personal grudge as a result of the Brownsville affair, and then proceeding down the list of officers, has become known today as a result of the preliminary hearing in the case of Edward L. Knowles, corporal of Company A, Twenty-fifth Infantry, who was found guilty of assault with intent to kill upon Captain Macklin, December 21. Knowles was bound over to await the action of the grand jury at the spring term of court.

All officers now go heavily armed and protected throughout the night. Every effort has been made by the officers at the post to keep the alleged conspiracy secret, but it is learned that investigation is being made at several army posts and within a short time several arrests of members of the troop recently discharged are expected to follow. Information was received here tonight of the arrest of a negro soldier at Lajunta, Colo., today. Suspicion rests upon a member of the troops at Fort Niobrara, Neb., and at three other points. Arrests of these men had been postponed until a hearing in the case of Corporal Knowles, which was concluded today, when it was hoped some further information would be secured tending to implicate others in the alleged conspiracy.

Following Knowles' hearing, United States Marshal Madsen secured a warrant for the arrest of one of the witnesses for the defense, charging perjury. The man was apprehended, but his name could not be learned. Twenty witnesses, testifying for the most part for the defense, were examined at length, none of their stories coinciding.

COLD FOR CLOTHLESS.

MANILA, Jan. 8.—A cold wave is sweeping over Luzon and the adjacent islands. The temperature at Manila is 55.6 while at Bagui, the capital of the Province of Benguet, it is 30. This is the coldest weather ever experienced in the history of Manila. The nearest approach to it was in 1872 when the temperature was 55.6. The natives are uncomfortable, as they are not provided with the proper clothing for the changed weather conditions.

LEAVES TO CHARITY.

Former State Printer Frank Baker Makes Various Gifts.

PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—The will of former State Printer Frank C. Baker, who died at his home in this city Jan. 2, was filed in the County Court today.

Under the disposition of the estate bequests of \$2,500 each are made to the Baby Home, the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, the Children's Home, the Florence Crittenton Refuge Home, the Patton Home for the Aged, the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A. and the Salvation Army.

The will also provides for the erection of eight drinking fountains in the city to cost \$1,500 each, and \$50,000 is left for the purpose of beautifying the city parks and plazas.

SHAH OF PERSIA DEAD.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The Daily Mail correspondent at Teheran in a telegram sent last night at 11:50 o'clock says the Shah of Persia died Monday evening, though no public announcement will be made until Tuesday. He says it was evident Monday that the end was rapidly approaching and soon after sunset the doors of the palace were closed, a sign that all was over.

SURE OF RE-ELECTION.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 8.—A caucus of the Republican members of the legislature nominated Senator Knute Nelson to succeed himself. This is equivalent to his re-election.

DIXON FOR SENATE.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 8.—The election of Congressman Dixon to succeed Senator Clark was assured tonight when he received the nomination at the hands of a caucus of Republican members of the legislature.

SMALL LABOR WAR.

EUREKA, Jan. 8.—In a battle between union and non-union longshoremen this evening, one non-union man was killed, one fatally shot and one injured.

RESUMES INQUIRY

Inter-State Commerce Commission Examines Ripley.

IS GOOD WITNESS FOR ROADS

His Statements Are Not Startling But Leave Impression in Favor of the Management of the Santa Fe Line.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—The inquiry of the Interstate Commerce Commission into the management and methods of the Harriman railroads was resumed here today. The Commission occupied the greater part of the day taking evidence on rates on cattle from Texas points and only had time this afternoon for the examination of President Ripley of the Santa Fe when the management of the Harriman roads was at last reached.

Ripley's testimony did not bring out any startling information. He did not know until he read it in the newspapers that the Harriman roads owned \$10,000,000 stock in the Santa Fe, and declared although H. H. Rogers and H. C. Frick were directors of the Union Pacific, this had not impaired their usefulness to the Santa Fe. Ripley said that when approached by representatives of this stock for the right to name the directors of the Santa Fe he refused to consider the proposition until it was distinctly understood that the directors to be named were not officers of the Union Pacific or any other competitor of the Santa Fe.

MURDERESS REPRIEVED.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 8.—To prevent complications should the Supreme Court of the United States decide to grant the appeal of Mrs. Aggie Meyers, now under sentence of death with Frank Hotman, for the murder of the woman's husband, Governor Folk tonight granted a reprieve for ninety days.

BALLOTS ARE WITHHELD

New Turn to Contest Over New York Election.

BOARD TAKES BOLD STEP

Refuses to Obey the Order of the Supreme Court and Now Has the Votes.

CITY IS SEARCHED IN VAIN

Attorney General Orders Raid on Various Storage Places, But No Sign of the Lost Ballots Is Found.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—A number of boxes containing ballots cast during the last mayoralty election could not be found up to 10 o'clock tonight. Attorney General Jackson, into whose care the ballots were ordered by the Supreme Court, may bring contempt proceedings against the Board of Elections unless they are found. The Board stored the ballots after the election, and now the attorney general says they refuse to tell where they stored them. Early today the attorney general in accordance with the Supreme Court's order, caused raids to be made on various storage places in the city. Several boxes were found, but towards evening a number of deputies reported that they could not find many boxes stored in Manhattan borough. Later Commissioner Doelling was served with a court's order, but persisted in his refusal to obey. The attorney general says the court's order will have to be respected.

HOUSE NOTES INCREASE.

Army Budget Far Larger Than It Was Last Year.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The House immediately after the approval of the journal today began consideration of the Military Appropriation bill. Chairman Hull began the debate by a comprehensive statement of the contents of the Army budget, which carries \$25,000,000 more than that of last year. Other speeches were made by Slayden of Texas, on his bill to discontinue the enlistment of negroes in the army; by Zenor of Indiana against the ship subsidy bill, and by Gaines of Tennessee, who spoke in commemoration of the 92nd anniversary of the battle of New Orleans. The House adjourned without finishing the debate.

MEXICAN LABOR WAR.

Thirty Men Are Killed by Troops in Restoring Order.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 8.—Belated reports from the mill district of Rio Orizaba, Vera Cruz, where rioting has attended the strike of textile workers, indicate that the government is in control. It was necessary for the troops to fire. Thirty dead have been counted, while more than 80 are reported wounded.

SENATE CONTINUES DEBATE.

Spends Day Discussing Brownsville Affair in Its Different Aspects.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The Senate spend the day discussing to more limited extent the Brownsville affair. Daniel of Virginia spoke in support of the President's action. For-

ker said other speeches were to be made and indicated that he would defer closing the argument he began until a later date. Overman of North Carolina addressed the Senate in opposition to the proposed federal child-labor bill, opposition being based on the broad ground of state rights. A bill limiting the hours of service of railway employees, which is unfinished business before the Senate, was discussed for an hour and many amendments were suggested.

HAS SEVERE STORM.

Santa Barbara Swept by Winds Which Destroy Small Craft.

SANTA BARBARA, Jan. 8.—A severe southeast storm prevails here. A high sea is running in the channel and small craft have been destroyed, entailing a loss of many thousands of dollars. Five hundred feet of the Eastern Boulevard, the city's famous drive, have been washed away. At Summerland, seven miles south of here, havoc was created with the oil well wharves, some of which have been washed to sea.

CANADIAN CANDIDATES.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 8.—Hon. Richard McBride, Premier, was nominated with three other candidates at the Conservative convention tonight to enter the contest in Victoria at the coming provincial elections.

MISSOULA FUEL FAMINE.

MISSOULA, Jan. 8.—The stock of coal here is exhausted. If the present cold snap continues, much discomfort will result. The supply of cord wood, while larger than usual, is not sufficient.

SHOOTS SALOON MAN

Bartender in Portland Wounds Former Employer Badly.

WAS SECOND ATTEMPT LATELY

Otto Lungren is Mark for Would-be Murderer Late Last Night—Former Bartender is Believed to Be Guilty Party.

PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—Otto Lungren, while tending bar in his saloon at the corner of Fourteenth and Xavier streets, was shot in the right eye and seriously injured tonight. When Lungren was shot he was standing in front of his bar, and so far as the police can ascertain, there was no attempt made to rob the place. This is the second time within a few months that Lungren has been the victim of a shooting. A few months ago, while running a resort on North First street, a man entered his place and after taking a shot at Lungren, ran from the place and escaped.

Later the police took into custody a man named Fred Nelson, formerly bartender for Lungren.

WANTS WIFE BACK.

Deserted Russian General Would Welcome Return of the Runaway.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail has cabled an interview with General Ouchakoff whose wife eloped with Lieutenant Essipoff from Russia, both now being stranded in Melbourne, Australia. The General is quoted as feeling the greatest compassion for his wife and that he would be glad to welcome her back for the sake of their children, she will be cared for in the meanwhile the general said, through the agency of her mother and money already has been cabled to her through the Russian Consulate at Melbourne.